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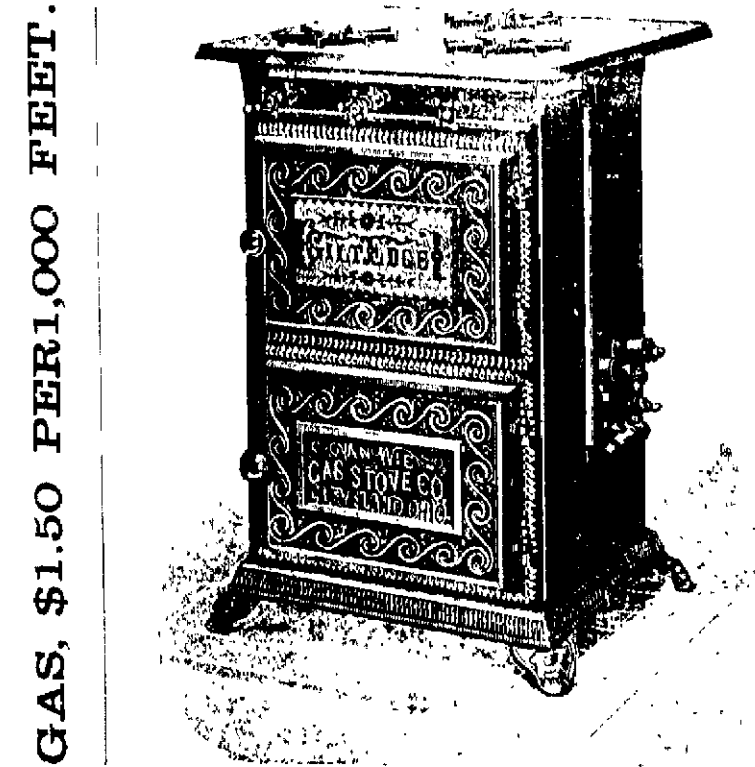
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THE SQUEERS SCHOOL.

DOTHBOYS HALL, WHICH CHARLES DICKENS' PEN BROKE UP.

The old Institution of Torture for Sale. Situated in Howes, Yorkshire—The Village Is Going to Decay—Conflicting Testimony.

A word of advice here to intending pilgrims: Do not attend to Charles Dickens or to Squeers' school, except in the presence of those whom you know to be above common prejudices and animosities. These subjects may be said, to use an expression more forcible than the election to stifle in the nostrils of your true friends. He believes that the village owes its decay entirely to the abolition of Yorkshire schools in general and of Dotheboys Hall in particular. He points to the fact that whereas half a century ago Howes had close upon 2,000 inhabitants, it has now short of 400. He has never read "Nicholas Nickleby," nor would he if a copy could be found in the place. If you question him about the school, he will either tell you flatly that he knows nothing about it, or will evasively refer you to other places infamous from their schools.

Of course, all Howes folk do not share these prejudices, as we shall afterwards see; but the broad fact remains that Howes, which was ruined in common with many hundreds of country places standing on our great roads elsewhere by the withdrawal of the stage coaches, must be hampered if the visitor hopes to reap any profit from his exploration.

We pass by a grand old inn, once known as the George, now the Unicorn, and, with the little Norman church and the grim keep of the old Norman castle on our left, walk on to Dotheboys Hall, which is the last house in the village.

"A long, cold looking house, one story high, with a few straggling outbuildings behind and a barn and stable adjoining." So we read. The house itself is unimpaired, save that it is now decidedly the pleasantest and most cheerful looking dwelling in the village, with its crooked unobscured windows looking on to a trim and well kept garden. The stable and barn, too, remain; but the outbuildings, in which was comprised the school house proper—the scene of the merciless thrashings, the starvation, the breaking of young hearts, the wrecking of young lives, the revolting misery and the blood-stirring barbarity—they have long since disappeared.

A woman's face looks out from a lower window, and we are about to turn in at the front gate, but our guide stops us, saying: "Not that way! No admittance there! You would be asked if you wanted to buy the house, and have the door slammed in your face."

So we follow the path and turn in through the front door. This leads us into a yard, where we stand the abolition pump which it may be remembered Mr. Squeers discovered to be frozen the morning after the long coach ride from London.

From here we enter the kitchen—cautiously and silently, for the servant tells us that if her master discovered us we should assuredly be turned out with ignominy. There is nothing remarkable in this kitchen—large, low, heavy, and a few shagreened benches in the room, the room leading from it, which was the schoolmaster's study.

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But we linger a long while as we gaze at the marks on the wall by the modern cooking range, where stood the copper in which were boiled the potatoes which formed a principal part of the "young noblemen's" food, and we peer through the study window, which the boys were set to clean when they had satisfactorily spelled "W-e-d-d-e-d," on to the garden, whether they were dispatched to hoe and rake on the attainment of the word "botany," we ask if a great number of people do not come here bound upon the same errand as ourselves? The reply is that a great many come, but that as they go to the front door they do not get in at all, but have to content themselves with an exterior view of Dotheboys Hall, so that we may deem ourselves lucky to have seen even the little we have.

WHAT THE RESIDENTS SAY. So much for Dotheboys Hall itself. Still more interesting is the information we managed to pick up from various sources concerning Squeers and his school.

All our informants, country clergymen, intelligent residents, "collected inhabitants," and such natives as did not feel themselves in honor bound to keep their mouths shut, agreed on one point, that the system of Yorkshire schools was monstrous and injurious to an incredible extent; that faithful cruelties were practiced upon the boys—who were chiefly the illegitimate offspring of London parents—but that the school typified by Charles Dickens was the only one to which he could gain access, and was the best of the lot.

But as to the evidence was so conflicting, that we must simply give it without pronouncing any opinion on its value or the reverse. For instance, one woman, a native of Howes, whose sympathies one would naturally imagine to be with the maligned Squeers, told us that she distinctly remembered the boys coming to sing on the way, headed by the head boy in the long gown to the wretched horses by which they were armed with whips.

On the other hand, a gentleman whose father, being a schoolmaster, used to go up to the Squire's Head with and on the same errand as Squeers, declared that the one-eyed schoolmaster was an estimable man, who cared for his pupils properly and was generally respected and liked. He further stated that his father related to him how he happened to be at the Squire's Head with Squeers after the Dotheboys Hall number of "Nicholas Nickleby" had taken the public by storm; that the crowd literally besieged the inn, and that by use of Electric Bitters, sold at 50c and 61c per bottle at Dr. A. J. Storer's drug store, Sam J.

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